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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KOJIMA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/917,912  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 7, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed October 7, 2002. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No.503.28546CV9).

Respectfully submitted,

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